

Remarks

The present Amendment/Response is filed in reply to the final Office Action dated May 29, 2008. By the foregoing amendments, claims 8-12 are canceled and claims 13 and 15 are amended. Claims 13-15 are currently pending after the amendments.

Applicant submits that no new matter is added by the amendments, and supports for the amendments can be found from throughout the specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed.

The previous rejection of claim 8-12 was withdrawn in view of Applicant's previous response filed. However, the Examiner again renewed the 103(a) rejections based on the combination of the previously cited references in view of new reference of Otaia (US Pat. No. 6,954,229). More specifically, each of the independent claim 8 and its dependent claims 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over the alleged combination of five references, namely, over Berstis (US Pat. No. 6,721,001) in view of Otaia (US Pat. No. 6,954,229), Endo (US Pat. No. 6,763,182), Anderson (US Pat. No. 6,683,649), and Shioji (US 2002/0015100). Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Berstis in view of Otaia, Endo, Anderson, Shioji (US 2002/0015100), and Go (JP 2002-91814A).

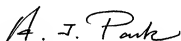
Claims 8-12 are canceled by the foregoing amendments. Accordingly, the above rejections of claims 8-12 are now moot.

With respect to claims 13-15, the Examiner has reaffirmed the allowability of these claims if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By the foregoing amendments, claims 13-15 are amended and rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening

claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, claims 13-15 as amended are now in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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